

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Zachary S. Stern, (Registration# 54,719) on 01/15/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 3 after "the" -- controller -- has been inserted.

Claim 9 has been cancelled.

End of Amendment.

### ***Reasons For Allowance***

2. Claims 1 and 5-8 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1 and subsequent dependant claims, prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious, alone or in combination, a controller comprising: a call-admission threshold-value varying unit configured to adjust a call-admission threshold-value for the low priority call based on the estimate of said impact, and set, based on said impact, an indicator indicating an ease of allocation of the low-priority call, so as to cause, using the set indicator, a change in said call-admission threshold-value for the low-priority call in combination with all other disclosed limitations as recited in independent claim 1.

Regarding claim 8, prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious, alone or in combination, a method comprising: adjusting a call-admission threshold value for the low-priority call based on the estimate of said impact; setting, based on said impact, an indicator indicating an ease of allocation of the low-priority call, so as to cause, using the set indicator, a change in said call-admission threshold-value for the low-priority call in combination with all other disclosed limitations as recited in independent claim 8.

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***Conclusion***

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SRINIVASA R. REDDIVALAM whose telephone number is (571)270-3524. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 6 PM (1st Friday OFF).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benny Tieu can be reached on 571-272-7490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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